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THE REPLY FILED 18 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

    a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

    b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

    Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will <u>not</u> be entered because

    (a)☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

    (b)☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);

    (c)☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

    (d)☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

    NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See Continuation Sheet.

6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

    The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

    Claim(s) allowed: _____.

    Claim(s) objected to: _____.

    Claim(s) rejected: 1-5,7-10,16 and 17.

    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will <u>not</u> be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will <u>not</u> be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.

12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____

13. ☐ Other: _____.

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Continuation of 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 101 rejection to claim 9, which was previously presented in the Office Action dated 02/19/2008 .

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant's Request for reconsideration filed 04/18/2008 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive.

It is noted Applicant's arguments are substantially directed towards same issues as presented in the Remarks filed 11/26/2007, Thus Koss and Gauthier disclose every limitation of Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 16-17 and provide proper reasons to combine, as indicated in the Office Action dated 02/22/2008, in further view of the following:

In addition, as discuss in the Office Action dated 02/22/2008, Koss discloses importing the source text files into the spreadsheet according to the default formatting established with the link. using the INDEX items 106, 107 and so on that is importing the source file from XF table; this allows the user modifiable file format profile to be associated with source text files (i.e. attributes, such as font type font size, etc. where each cell in the spreadsheet contains an internal index which references a cell to an entry in the extended format table (i.e. XF table) See, Koss, Fig. 1 and col. 3, line 47 through col. 5, line 62,

For further clarification, it is noted Gauthier discloses in FIG. 3 the window 300 showing a typical screen display in a MICROSOFT EXCEL 2002 spreadsheet program when the user has selected the option to import external data into a MICROSOFT EXCEL 2002 worksheet. The MICROSOFT EXCEL 2002 window 300 includes a drop-down menu bar 305 and a command bar 310. The MICROSOFT EXCEL 2002 window 300 also contains a viewing area 315. The contents of the MICROSOFT EXCEL 2002 program are viewed in the viewing area 315, which contains a plurality of cells that may contain text, numbers, formula or the like, Gauthier further discloses a plurality of icons 340, each having a visual attribute, are displayed proximate to each instance of tabular data in the Web page. Each icon 340 provides a visual indication to the user of which objects on the Web page are tabular data and can be imported into the spreadsheet program. Additionally, an icon for the entire Web page 335 is displayed in the upper left corner of the viewing area 330. This indicates to the user that the contents of the entire Web page may be imported into the spreadsheet program. The icons associated with each instance of tabular data 340 and the icon for the entire Web page 335 all have at least one visual attribute, such as a color, a symbol, text, a font, or a combination of these elements associated with them.

For example, in the illustration, each icon (335, 340) comprises an arrow surrounded by a box, whose background color is set to yellow. These icons (335, 340) provide the advantage of quickly identifying objects in the Web page that contain tabular data. In this way, the user may simply look at the Web page displayed in the New Web Query dialog box 320 and obtain a graphical representation of what elements may be imported into the Web Query, rather than to review the underlying HTML document- See Gauthier Fig. 3 and at Page (s) 7-8 Para 67-69. Also, Koss at Column 5, Lines 20-25 discloses the steps of said saves the size of the current XF table.

Thus, the prior art clearly discloses importing the plurality of source text files into the singly spreadsheet file after the creating the source-format link, saves the size of the current XF table. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine their teaching to result the claimed invention.

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